Crimes on SC/ST

2907. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the States where crimes against members of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes have increased during the last two years; and

(b) what remedial steps have been taken by the Central Government and respective State Governments in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The following table shows the States which reported an increase in the number of cases of crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1985 and 1986 compared to the preceding year:-

Year	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribes
1985	Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala Jammu & Kashmir, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.	Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
1986	Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh	Gujarat, Maharashtra Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Mizoram.

(b) The Government of India views with great concern the crimes being committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The situation is constantly reviewed. The Welfare Minister wrote to the Chief Ministers on 8th May, 1986 and again on 16th October, 1986 exhorting them to take all remedial measures as enumerated in the revised comprehensive guidelines issued on the subject by the Government of India in April, 1985. The State Governments have responded positively indicating the measures they are taking to protect the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes against atrocities. Some of the important measures taken by the States include the setting up of Special Police Stations in sensitive areas, posting of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in those areas and arranging speedy disposal of such cases.

Demand of vegetable oil

2908. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of vegetable oils in the country;

(b) whether the country is self-sufficient in meeting the demand of oil seeds;

(c) if not the quantity of oil seeds imported during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce the import of oil seeds?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The sub-group constituted by the Department of Civil Supplies for Edible oils for the VII Five Year Plan had assessed the demand for edible oils as follows:

Oil Year (Nov.-Oct.)	Demand (in lakh tonnes)
1984-85	49.06
1985-86	51.15
1986-87 (upto February)	53.29

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present edible oilseed is not imported. However, edible oil are imported to meet the gap between demand for and indigenous availability of edible oils. All out efforts are being made to increase oilseeds/oil production.

Encroachment of public land in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

2909. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of encroachment of public land, heavy roadside parking and insanitary conditions near Government colony in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of Plots to Displaced Persons of Erstwhile East Pakistan

2910. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from individual displaced persons of the erstwhile East Pakistan now permanently settled in Delhi for allotment of residential plots in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many such applications have been received during the period January, 1979 and February, 1987; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to allot land to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Firm figures of all applications for the entire period have not been maintained 80 eligible persons have already been allotted plots by Land & Development Office in the Ministry of Urban Development. The cases of remaining eligible persons are being processed by the Delhi Development Authority.

More powers to the Consumers Protective Advisory Councils

2911. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States where Consumers Protective Advisory Councils have been set up;

(b) whether Government propose to give them more powers to make them more effective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The recently enacted Consumer Protection Act, 1986 provides for setting up of State Consumer Protection Councils to promote and protect the rights of the consumers such as right to safety, right to consumer education, right to seek redressal etc. The State Governments have been advised